

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
PATEL, Arvind D.

Prior Application No. 08/862,201

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For: IMPROVED OIL-BASED DRILLING FLUID

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Before undertaking the examination of the above noted application,
Applicant hereby requests the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An invert emulsion fluid having utility for drilling, completing, or working over subterranean wells, said fluid comprising:

 - a) an oleaginous fluid;
 - b) a non-oleaginous fluid; and
 - c) an amine surfactant having the structure

